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Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Fifth Avenue and 80-84 Str  
NEW YORK CITY.

Gentlemen.,

We beg to ask you to kindly furnish us with some detailes concerning the following. One of our very valued clients possesses one napoleondare/gold-piece of twenty francs known under the name of "Consul" napoleondare/, which he would wish to sell.

According to the telling of our client, Napoleon when he became Consul ordered that in honor of his inaguaration be made ,as many twenty franc gold-pieces as his title had letters i.e.six as "Consul". These coins were afterwards known under the name of "Consul napoleondares". Four of them as much as it has been known were in hands of the following: The Russian Tschar Alexander the First, Maharadja of Persia, Count Zitchiya, and the montenegrin Queen, Milena, while the other two were not found until 1912. When our client was in Paris 1916, he visited one of the Parisian institutions and had the coin he possesses examined by a special commission. This commission found that the same is of pure 14 karat gold, that it is not forged of platinum, it's weight being normal, and that it is a real "Consul napoleondare" i.e.one of the above mentioned.

We would sincerely appreciate it, if you would kindly advise us by return of mail, whether you would wish to buy this coin, and the price that you would pay . In case that you would not have interest for same, please be good enough and inform us of any other institution willing to buy this coin. In either case, we would like to know the price of this coin, in order to satisfy our client. We hand you herewith enclosed a seal of the mentioned coin for your kind use.

Thanking you in anticipation, and hoping to hear from you in the nearest future, we are, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,  
Bank of Yugoslavia Ltd.  
Belgrade Branch Office

l enclosure.

3d May, 1929

Bank of Yugoslavia Ltd.,  
Belgrade Branch Office,  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Gentlemen:

Your letter to the Metropolitan Museum has been referred to us. Unfortunately your gold coin of Napoleon as First Consul, struck in the year 12, or 1803, is not rare. We have heard this story before, but there is not one vestige of truth in it. We are enclosing a rubbing of one of several specimens we have identical with the piece you sent an impression of. The best way for your client to be convinced is to write to any of the German, French, Swiss or Italian coin dealers and see what they would sell a similar piece for. It should cost in the neighborhood of ten American dollars, possibly less.

Very truly yours,

Curator